



FAMILY NEWS

APRIL 27, 2025

Classes

Auditorium Class: Andy Scott

Teens: Arpoika Daniels

4th - 6th Grade: Lani Renner

1st - 3rd Grade: Ginger Posey

3yr - K: Lynn Grimes

Nursery: Miranda Hays

Sermons

AM: Arpoika Daniels

PM: No Evening Bible Study



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Next Sunday on Search:

May 4 – Understanding Sin

When people hear the word sin, they may react to it in several ways. Many deny there is such a thing as sin; others refuse to confess they have sinned. We, however, are asking the question, "How does God see sin?"



Emma Noey



Congratulations!

Emma Noey will be graduating from Seminole High School on May 13th! Emma plans to continue her education at Seminole State College where she will be a member of their volleyball team.

Daily Bible Reading

Sunday

Judges 19-21 & Matthew 18:1-20

Monday

Ruth 1-2 & Matthew 18:21-35

Tuesday

Ruth 3-4 & Matthew 19

Wednesday

1 Samuel 1-3 & Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday

1 Samuel 4-6 & Matthew 20:17-34

Friday

1 Samuel 7-9 & Matthew 21:1-22

Saturday

1 Samuel 10-12 & Matthew 21:23-46



Tanner Johnson



Congratulations!

Tanner Johnson will be graduating from Konawa High School on May 15th. Tanner plans to attend the Pontotoc Technology Center in Ada and graduate from the HVAC program in May of 2026. He will also be attending East Central University this fall as a business major.

In Our Hearts:

"You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry." Psalm 10:17 (NIV)

Please continue to remember those on our long term prayer list.

Larry Waddell, Lee Daniels, mother of Arpoika Daniels, Pat Joslin & Barbara McKinney, sisters of Sue Alexander, LaRohnda Jones & Mary Ray, nieces of Johna Myers, Kenny Brewer, Sue Alexander, Talhia Vanlandingham, Steve Lashley, Alvis Campbell, Ted Criswell

Let's remember our shut-ins: *Peggy Jackson and Carolyn Self*

Gospel Meeting: The Highland Church of Christ in Tecumseh will be hosting a Gospel meeting April 30th - May 4th. The featured speaker will be Austin McCrickard from the Church of Christ in Buffalo, Missouri. For more information see the flyer posted in the office window.

Attention Ladies: Please join us for a ladies dinner being held at Roma's on Thursday, May 8th, at 6:00 pm. All ladies of the congregation are welcome and invited to attend! Please RSVP by May 1st to Sharon Hayden (573) 517-1889 so reservations can be made.

Senior Sunday

This Sunday during our potluck luncheon we will be honoring Emma Noey and Tanner Johnson in celebration of their upcoming graduation! Brothers Keeper Group 1 is in charge. There will be no 5:00 Bible study.

Conner White, a member of our youth group and recent convert, will be living in Oregon until July. Cards and notes of encouragement can be sent to:

Conner White
4745 Evergreen Lane
Sheridan, Oregon 97378

Time With Tim

God Fights Our Battles

"The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

Exodus 14:14

Life often feels like a battlefield. Whether we are facing personal struggles, spiritual attacks, or the weight of daily burdens, it can be overwhelming. But as Christians, we are not called to fight alone. Scripture reminds us time and time again that God is our defender, our protector, and our source of strength in every battle.

When the Israelites stood before the Red Sea with Pharaoh's army behind them, fear gripped their hearts. But Moses reassured them with the words of Exodus 14:14, reminding them that the battle was not theirs to fight—God would deliver them. Likewise, 2 Chronicles 20:15 tells us, "Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's." No matter what challenges we face, we must remember that God is already working on our behalf.

However, this does not mean we are passive spectators. God calls us to put on the armor of faith (Ephesians 6:11) and stand firm in His promises. 1 Timothy 6:12 urges us to "Fight the good fight of the faith." The difference is that our strength does not come from our own power, but from reliance on the Lord.

When fear threatens to consume us, we must cling to the words of Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and courageous...for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Trust in His plan, pray for His guidance, and allow Him to fight the battles that seem impossible. Victory belongs to the Lord!

"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds."

2 Corinthians 10:4

Working Together

The people of God are characterized by work. This is not a drudgery, but a blessing that demonstrates a fellowship of God with His people and His people with one another. Salvation is by grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9), yet God's grace teaches us to "renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age" as we await the coming of Jesus (Titus 2:11-14). This means that we are to be "zealous for good works" because "we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph 2:10). We are to be people who act, not simply hear (Jas 1:22).

One of the beautiful aspects of being God's people is that we are not alone. We are a body of various members who function in unity with each other. There is a special relationship, a fellowship that we share as brothers and sisters in Christ. One of the reasons Paul thanked God for the Philippian Christians is that they had a "partnership (fellowship) in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil 1:5). They partook of the grace of God together, and this created a special bond for them.

When Paul writes about his coworkers in the gospel, he does so with obvious and deep affection. One of his requests of the Philippian church was that they help certain women (Euodia and Syntyche), "who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life" (Phil 4:3). He dedicates a section of Romans to recognizing those with whom he had worked and who had been encouraging to him. He wrote of Phoebe as a servant who had been his patron and who was to be welcomed in the Lord and helped in whatever way needed (Rom 16:1-2). He wrote of many others with whom he labored, who had risked their lives for each other, and worked hard on behalf of churches for the Lord. Read Romans 16. It is encouraging to see such love expressed and gives us something to imitate in our work together. In our efforts to be disciples after the manner of first century Christians, this kind of fellowship should be sought after and followed.

God's people still ought to be characterized by the kind of affection and love seen in Paul's notes about his coworkers. Unfortunately, there have always been detractors. People like "Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first," will hurt the cause (3 John 9). The Galatians were warned about biting, devouring, and consuming one another (Gal 5:15). Through love we are to

serve one another (Gal 5:13), but it is easy to drop our guard and become selfish. This ruins relationships and chokes out the beautiful fellowship of God's people. This is one reason those who cause divisions are to be marked and avoided, "For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites..." (Rom 16:17-18).

The work of God's people together needs to be bound in love and unity. Jesus gave His disciples the instruction to "love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." The importance of this follows: "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Love, in turn, will result in unity. To stand firm in one spirit and strive together for the faith of the gospel requires "being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind" (Phil 2:2). Unity requires not only love, but humility, as there is nothing to be done through selfish ambition or conceit, "but in humility count others more significant than yourselves" (v. 3). Jesus is the supreme example of this mindset, who demonstrated love in the greatest of ways and acted in humility on our behalf by going to the cross (vv. 5-7). "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..." (Phil 2:5).

Work, love, unity, humility, and fellowship all go together. There should not be one without the other. These all help us form a beautiful bond in the Lord as we seek to "attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:13). Note further how Paul makes these connections: "speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Eph 4:15-16). A body functions well when the members act with love, in unity, and in humility. May God help us to work together in a way that glorifies Him!

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**Worship & Bible Study
Schedule**

AM

Sunday 9:30 - Bible Class

Sunday 10:30 - Worship

PM

Sunday 5:00 - Bible Study

Wednesday 6:00 - Bible Study

Worship Workers

April 27

In Charge: Steve Johnson (405-380-5013)

Welcome AM: Syd Morgan

Song Leader: Steve Johnson

Opening Prayer: Tim Smith

Closing Prayer: Andy Scott

Lord's Supper & Offering AM: Gil Turpin

Lord's Supper & Offering PM: No Service

Scripture Reading: Gil Turpin

Heritage House

Thursday, May 1

Norman & Joyce
Boggs

April Nursery Attendants

April 6 - Ashley Noey

April 13 - Debbie Crane

April 20 - Kay Lashley

April 27 - Emma Noey

April Worship & Bible Class Greeters

North Doors: Jim & Donna Hardin

South Doors: Bob Griggs & Alan Morgan